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CALIFORNIA-NEVADA TAHOE BASIN FIRE COMMISSION



Nevada State Capitol
101 North Carson Street
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

**Community Fire Safety Committee (9:00 a.m.),
Wildland Fuels Committee (9:00 a.m.), and
Legislative and Funding Policy Committee (1:00 p.m.)
Lake Tahoe Community College
1 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California
(Committees' Notice/Agenda and meeting location on pages 4-6)**

Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

**Commission Meeting
Lake Tahoe Community College
1 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California**

AGENDA

(Action may be taken on those items denoted "Action")

Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Co-Chairs. Times listed are estimates provided for planning purposes only. Items may be taken out of order and may take more or less time than indicated.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Discussion and Adoption of Minutes – **Action**
 - A. January 25, 2008
 - B. February 8, 2008
3. Staff Report – **Discussion/Action**
 - A. Status of Proposed Findings and Recommendations
 - B. Remaining meetings.
 - C. Status of Final Report

4. Wildland Fuels Issues

A. Wildland Fuels Committee Report – **Discussion/Action**

B. Consideration of the Proposed Findings and associated Recommendations on the following topics– **Discussion/Action***

Catastrophic Fire

- a. Proposed F&Rs relating to the risk of catastrophic wildfire occurrence in the Tahoe Basin and the restoration of healthy forests– **Discussion/Action**

Air Quality

- a. Proposed F&Rs relating to air quality, including air quality data, public information, prescribed burning, smoke management, and the regulation of burn day allocations – **Discussion/Action**

Biomass and Fuels Treatments

- a. Proposed F&Rs relating to biomass utilization and fuels reduction, including the role of forest thinning in maintaining healthy forest conditions and wildfire protection, access to biomass fuels on steep slopes and in areas with limited roads, and methods for prioritizing fuels reduction projects – **Discussion/Action**

Project Funding and Monitoring

- a. Proposed F&Rs relating to the funding of fuels reduction and forest health projects, as well as costs and other implications of comprehensive project monitoring – **Discussion/Action**

Permit Streamlining and SEZ'S

- a. Proposed F&Rs related to improving agency coordination in order to simplify the existing system of confusing and sometimes conflicting land management and environmental laws and regulations in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including the various permits required to reduce fuels in sensitive habitats, clarification of what constitutes a Stream Environment Zone (SEZ), and the implementation of a better system for research and evaluation of project results and impacts – **Discussion/Action**

2. Other issues – **Discussion**

5. Community Fire Safety Issues

A. Community Fire Safety Committee Report – **Discussion/Action**

B. Consideration of the Proposed Findings and associated Recommendations on the following topics– **Discussion/Action***

- a. V-010 – Permit Streamlining – presentation of F&Rs regarding overlapping permitting system in the Tahoe Basin affecting defensible space and recommendations to streamline the permitting process – **Discussion/Action**

- b. V-011 – Level of Protection – presentation of F&Rs relating to “closest forces” dispatching response policy and a proposal to recommend the Governors of the State of Nevada and California direct that a permanent interagency (federal, state & local) resolution to this dispatching issue be developed and implemented prior to the 2008 wildfire season – **Discussion/Action**
- c. V-017 – Defensible Space – presentation of F&Rs regarding prescriptions for defensible space and erosion control and Best Management Practices (BMPs) and proposed recommendations regarding defensible space, fire behavior, erosion control, inconsistencies and BMPs. **(Discussion/Action)**
- d. FIRE PROTECTION-- Presentation of proposed F&Rs relating to fire protection, airborne firefighting systems, and new firefighting facilities. – **Discussion/Action**

C. Other issues.--**Discussion**

6. Legislative and Funding Policy Issues

A. Legislative and Funding Policy Committee Report- **Discussion/Action**

B. Consideration of the following Proposed Findings and associated Recommendations on the following topics– **Discussion/Action***

1. ***Emergency Declaration and Continuity Plan***

Proposed F&Rs relating to the need for urgent fire mitigation actions across a wide spectrum of fire suppression, economic, fuels management, planning issues; and for a mechanism to ensure that the Governor's approved recommendations from the Commission be implemented and maintained over time . – **Discussion/Action**

2. ***Funding Issues***

Proposed F&Rs relating to the need for a long-term, stable source of funds for forest health, fire suppression, fuels reduction projects, and fire safety education for Lake Tahoe Basin – **Discussion/Action**

3. ***Regulatory Authorities***

Proposed F&Rs relating to improving agency coordination, including the modification of MOUs between agencies, more effective regulatory coordination between agencies, including simplified environmental review processes and better accommodation of public safety and fire mitigations– **Discussion/Action**

C. Other issues – **Discussion**

7. Working Groups Report – **Discussion/Action**

8. Public Comment – **Discussion**

9. Adjournment – **Action**

**The Commission may consider any F&R(s) (Finding and Recommendations) on the Tahoe Basin Fire Commission website, any modifications to those F&Rs, and any additional F&Rs submitted addressing items on the agenda. The Commission may create its own F&Rs on any of the subject matters included on the agenda.*

A. Community Fire Safety Committee – 9:00 a.m. (Aspen Room)**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
2. Review of previous actions taken – **Discussion/Action**

The committee will review all previous actions taken at February 7 and 8 Committee and Commission meetings and will discuss any requests from committee members to take further action on topics discussed.

Break (15 minutes)

3. Review of proposed findings/recommendations – **Discussion/Action**
 - a. V-017- DEFENSIBLE SPACE and/or other F&Rs related to defensible space, erosion control, and best management practices (BMPs).
 - b. V-056- FIRE PROTECTION and/or other F&Rs related to fire protection.

Lunch Break

4. Review of proposed findings/recommendations – **continued – Discussion/Action****
 - c. V-057 – FIRE PROTECTION and/or other F&Rs related to fire protection.
 - d. V-058 – FIRE STATION and/or other F&Rs related to fire protection.
 - e. V-063 – EDUCATION and/or other F&Rs related to wildfire protection education, homeowner education.
5. Review of newly received Findings to determine whether or not to agendize for a future meeting for the purpose of developing Committee recommendations and forwarding to the Commission – **Discussion/Action**

Break (15 minutes)

6. Public Comments **(30 minutes)**

The committee will hear comments from the public. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person with a maximum of 30 minutes. Public comment cards will be accepted and called upon in the order received.
7. Other Findings and Recommendations – **Discussion/Action**

The committee members may make findings and recommendations regarding the subject matters discussed and may take action on recommendations to the Commission. The committee may also identify key performance measures and develop due dates for future work.
8. Adjournment

Items not completed will be tabled for a future agenda.

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B. Wildland Fuels Committee – 9:00 a.m. (Board Room)**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Roll call
 - b. Review and approval of minutes – **Action**
 - c. Review agenda including adjournment time – **Discussion**
2. Consideration of the following Proposed Findings and associated Recommendations on the following topics– **Discussion/Action**
 - A. Air Quality**

Proposed F&Rs relating to air quality, including air quality data, public information, prescribed burning, smoke management, and the regulation of burn day allocations – **Discussion/Action**
 - B. Biomass and Fuels Treatments**

Proposed F&Rs relating to biomass utilization and fuels reduction, including the role of forest thinning in maintaining healthy forest conditions and wildfire protection, access to biomass fuels on steep slopes and in areas with limited roads, and methods for prioritizing fuels reduction projects – **Discussion/Action**
 - C. Permit Streamlining and SEZ'S**

Proposed F&Rs related to improving agency coordination in order to simplify the existing system of confusing and sometimes conflicting land management and environmental laws and regulations in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including the various permits required to reduce fuels in sensitive habitats, clarification of what constitutes a Stream Environment Zone (SEZ), and the implementation of a better system for research and evaluation of project results and impacts – **Discussion/Action**
3. Review of newly received Findings to determine whether or not to agendize for a future meeting for the purpose of developing Committee recommendations and forwarding to the Commission – **Discussion/Action**
4. Public Comments – **Discussion**

The committee will hear comments from the public. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person with a maximum of 30 minutes. Public comment cards will be accepted and called upon in the order received.
5. Adjournment - **Action**

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C. Legislative and Funding Policy Committee – 1:00 p.m. (Room – E100)**

1. Call to Order

Roll call

Review and approval of minutes - **Action**

Review of Agenda – **Discussion**

2. Consideration of Proposed Findings and associated Recommendations in the following areas - Discussion/Action

A. Emergency Declaration and Continuity Plan

Proposed F&Rs relating to the need for urgent fire mitigation actions across a wide spectrum of fire suppression, economic, fuels management, planning issues; and for a mechanism to ensure that the Governor's approved recommendations from the Commission be implemented and maintained over time . – **Discussion/Action**

B. Funding Issues

Proposed F&Rs relating to the need for a long-term, stable source of funds for forest health, fire suppression, fuels reduction projects, and fire safety education for Lake Tahoe Basin – **Discussion/Action**

C. Regulatory Authorities

Proposed F&Rs relating to improving agency coordination, including the modification of MOUs between agencies, more effective regulatory coordination between agencies, including simplified environmental review processes and better accommodation of public safety and fire mitigations– **Discussion/Action**

3. Review of newly received Findings to determine whether or not to agendize for a future meeting for the purpose of developing Committee recommendations and forwarding to the Commission – Discussion/Action

4. Public Comments – Discussion

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5. Adjournment - Action

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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Nevada State Capitol Building
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
901 South Stewart Street, Richard H. Bryan Building
Carson City, NV 89701-5244

Nevada Legislative Building
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Copies of the written materials will be made available to the public at the meeting location at the Lake Tahoe Community College, Board Room, 1 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

For information or documents (as indicated below) concerning the Commission meeting, please contact Dana Cole, Commission Staff Liaison, (916) 327-9631 or Dana.Cole@resources.ca.gov

Any written reports being provided to the Commission members in advance of the public meeting will also be available to the public upon request; and,

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